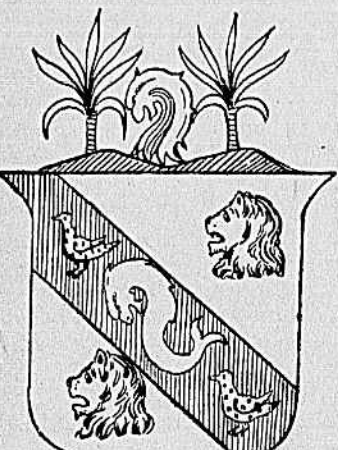


# THE TIMES-DISPATCH

## GENEALOGICAL COLUMN

Editor Genealogical Column Times-Dispatch:  
Dear Sir:—I would like you to publish all you have of the Franklin family of Virginia, or any other State of the Union, and I would thank you if you would give me information where I can find any genealogy of the Franklin family. They are of English birth.  
Very respectfully,  
JAMES FRANKLIN, JR.,  
Lynchburg, Va.

The Franklin family first settled in this country at Boston, Mass., 1666, the emigrant being Joseph Franklin, who came from Ecton, Northampton county, England. Benjamin Franklin, born at Boston 1706, was descended from this branch and bore the same arms. They are thus described:  
Argent, on a bend between two lions' heads erased, gules, a dolphin embowed of the field between two martlets; close, or—  
Crest—A dolphin's head in pale argent, erased gules, flanked or between two branches vert.  
Motto—Exemplum adest ipse homo.



Exemplum Adest Ipse Homo.

There is no record, as can be found, of any of the Franklins coming to Virginia at a very early date. Benjamin Franklin is said to have had relatives who settled here, and he did visit the State to see them. One of these was named Basche, from Philadelphia, and married Franklin's daughter, and coming to Virginia, settled at a place near Monticello called "Franklin," where his grandson, Benjamin Franklin Busch, was born, and was an eminent surgeon in the navy. The old house at "Franklin" still stands, in quite the same condition as when built.  
There was a Jessie Franklin born in Orange county 1709, who might have also been of the Pennsylvania Franklins. He was in the Congress of 1776 to 1778, and in 1780 to 1813 was United States Senator from Virginia. He then moved to North Carolina, and in 1820 became Governor of the State.  
In reply to a former request for something on the French family of Virginia, by a descendant in San Antonio, Texas, we give the following, as near as we can gather, from what is at hand, and that which has been sent us, though the most important has not yet been sent in.  
Daniel French, of King George county, Va., is believed to be the first emigrant. He was a brother of Henry French, who married the widow of Sir Francis Dade, Lieutenant-Colonel, Commandant of Stafford county. (She was the mother of Townsend Dade.) They had the following children: Margaret, who married James Strother, and Daniel French, of "Rose Hill" and "Claremont," in Fairfax county, who named his estate after the seat of the Hon. Granville French, fifth son of second Lord French. They were from Roscommon, Ireland.  
Daniel French's (Gentleman) will was recorded in King George county, dated March 3, 1724. He died the 8th of October of same year.  
His son Daniel, 1771, of "Claremont," mentions his niece, Mrs. Sarah Triplett; his wife's brother, Mr. Harrison Manly (Daniel French having married Penelope Manly, daughter of John Manly), also Mr. Townsend Dade. He says: "Mr. John French, who formerly lived at his quarters in Loudoun." His cousin, Colonel George Mason, of "Gunston Hall," is nominated as guardian to his daughter, Elizabeth, to whom his great estate is divided. He also bequeaths a legacy to Mr. Hugh French, who now lives with me.  
This Hugh French married —, and had the following:  
Margaret, married a Hansburgh (or Haneburgh).  
Daniel, known as "Daniel, Sr., of Fairfax, Esq.," married Elizabeth, and died, d. s. p. He will was proved May 16, 1790. He leaves a "legacy to Elizabeth Minor, daughter of John Minor; living grandson, Daniel Sanford, etc."  
There was a Daniel French, of Fairfax, who died in 1761 in his cousin's, Frances and Mary Peyton, of Prince William county, Va. This Henry Peyton was son of Valentine Peyton and Frances —, his wife (supposed to be a Harrison. See our Peyton article, July 3d).  
There was a French T. Mason, "Gentleman," 1741, one of the "Gunston" family, and also a Mason French, in Loudoun county, 1821, who married Anne —, and had nine children, as follows: Jane, Francis, Anne, Reuben, Lewis, Margaret, and James.  
The Sanfords and the Frenchs were allied in Ireland.  
The above facts were left by the Rev. Douglas French Forest, formerly of Clarkesburg, West Virginia. He afterwards became rector of an Episcopal church at Washington, D. C., where he died a few years ago.  
We fail to find any arms for the family, though it would be inferred they bore arms through Lord French (second), of Ireland.

The Conway Family and Others.  
The following very interesting letter is given from our esteemed correspondent "C," who wields a searching and trenchant pen, which has been of no little benefit to the Genealogical Column, and we warn our correspondents not to send in any "guess work," for, like a

## FRANKLIN FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

faithful sentinel, her watchful, critical eye will detect it. E. C. M.

In the Conway Genealogy, published in the Times-Dispatch of September 25th, mention is made of Martha Eltonhead, wife of "Edwyn Counaway," the first emigrant of the Conway family to Virginia. It is also said that Edwin Conway, "probably married a second time a sister or sister-in-law of John Carter, of Corotoman," as John Carter (afore-said) calls the daughter of Edwin Conway "my niece Eltonhead" in an old deed. The first wife of John Carter, of Corotoman, was Ellen Eltonhead, who died without issue. (See the old Carter records.)

There is a typographical error in the account given of Miss Elliott, daughter to Governor Spotswood's half-brother, General Elliott. It is printed "she was now married." It should be "she was not married." If possible, please give the date of the marriage of Dorothea (youngest daughter of Governor Spotswood) to Nathaniel Dandridge. Also the names of Dorothea's children and whom they married, and dates of their respective marriages.

Some one asks if there is any relationship between the Winston family and the families of Garth and Durrett. The old Winston records (in the writer's possession) do not tell of any such relationship. It is well known that in Virginia names are often adopted into different families where there is no blood, but through friendship only. The writer knows several such instances. In the writer's personal knowledge, and from documents about a century old, a family used the Winston name for several generations as a Christian name. There was never any blood relationship, but the name was first used out of respect and regard for the Winstons. The writer knows very little of the Garth and Durrett families, but that little makes it probable, though not certain, that the Winston name was adopted by those families for friendship only.

Mrs. S. L. C. says Richard Jennings was father of Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, and that he sold his coat-of-arms to his son-in-law, the Duke of Marlborough. Are not these statements founded on a conjecture? Is there historical warrant for them? Some time ago there appeared a letter in the Times-Dispatch from an octogenarian lady (a Mrs. Farmer). This letter contained a copy of old records of the Jennings family, which proved that all bearing the surname of Jennings were not blood relations.

Can a coat-of-arms be sold from one man to another?

In Matthews' Commentaries is given a list of titles of dignity in Great Britain, and of what entitles a family to coat armor. But the possibility of one man's selling his coat-of-arms to another is not in the list. Indeed, for centuries, a "visitation" was made at regular intervals in Great Britain, by the proper authorities, to confirm those who had a right to coat armor in the possession thereof, and to take it from those who had illegally assumed it. The writer has old records in which these "visitations" are mentioned.

In the Scotch Genealogy (see Times-Dispatch, October 18th) it is said to be uncertain if Colonel John Scott, of New Kent county, who died in 1729, was brother to the Rev. Alexander and James Scott, who brought their family coat-of-arms to Virginia, when they emigrated from Scotland. Even if there be no record, if Colonel John Scott, of New Kent county, and Dr. James M. Scott, of Spotsylvania county, publicly and habitually used the Scott coat armor in Colonial times, would not that be good and ample proof that they were legally entitled to it? Especially if their names were used in legal documents with the title of Esquire added.

Of course the title of Esquire only signified anything before the American Revolution. If there was no record or use of arms in Colonial days, all that can be authentically known is that these gentlemen were members of a famous Scotch clan.

Readers of Sir Walter Scott's Life and Letters may remember that he de-

sirous of finding some relationship to the Scotts, of Buccleugh. On examining the necessary records, Sir Walter says that he had no reason to believe that he was related by blood to the above-mentioned family. It is known that the members of the different Scotch Clans trace the surnames of their chiefs, whether related by blood or not.

In the later years of his life Sir Walter Scott bore the arms of the Scotts, of Buccleugh. This was said to be by Royal permission (I do not know about this permission authentically) and with the consent of the House of Buccleugh. Hume mentions this family—the Scotts of Buccleugh—as one of extremely high distinction, and as "allied to all the noblest families in Scotland." C.

Walker.

Editor Times-Dispatch,  
Sir:—Will you give all the information you can of the Walker family of Virginia. I think they were some of the earliest of the original settlers of Virginia. If you cannot do so, can you tell me where I can get the information, and oblige me.  
MRS. H. B. W.,  
Virginia Beach.

We gave quite a lengthy sketch of the Walker family in issue of April 10, 1904. You can find a good deal of them (principally of Dr. Thomas Walker branch of Castle Hill, Albemarle) in the "Pogo Genealogy," which also gives the families of Nelson, Walker, and Pendleton. E. C. M.

A sketch will be given of the Seagar, or Seager, family as soon as we can hunt up their record.

### LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES.

#### Answers to Conundrums.

1. By Eve when she presented Adam with a little cane (Cain).
2. Dust.
3. February, because it has only twenty-eight days.
4. Both jump at the first chance.
5. Because he had no knife to cut it with.
6. Silence.
7. One trains the mind and the other minds the train.
8. Newspaper.
9. When it is wrong for dinner.
10. Yard.
11. To hold his pants up.
12. K. N. (anyone).

CHARLES E. BOGGS,  
Lawrenceville, Va.

#### Numerical Enigma.

Be kindly affectioned one to another.  
FRED. P. FLETCHER.

#### Numerical Puzzle.

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.  
GEORGE TOMPKINS,  
No. 609 North Tenth Street, city.

#### Answer to Diamond No. 2.

J. A. R.  
P. A. C. E. S.  
J. A. C. K. S. O. N.  
R. E. S. E. T.  
S. O. T.  
N.  
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#### Answer to Half Diamond No. 3.

1. Kaffiah.
2. Ararat.
3. Farad.
4. Iron.
5. I-ud.
6. At.
7. H.

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609 North Tenth Street, city.

#### Answer to Square No. 4.

S. C. A. N. T.  
C. A. N. O. E.  
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#### THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES.

##### Jumbled Fruits.

1. Eplap.

2. Pineae.
3. Yehre.
4. Erap.
5. Pegra.
6. Miup.
7. Gornea.

ELIZABETH MAURY,  
131 Broad Street, Danville, Va.  
Tree Puzzles.

- Fill blanks with trees.
1. You must mind your — all the time.
2. That man is a —.
3. Can you — the money up?

#### Animal Puzzle.

1. He cannot — it.
2. —, the boy is twelve years old.
3. The answer you got spelled like the animal, will sound like them.

#### Riddles.

1. Why are hot cukes like a caterpillar?
2. If you were to see a big fire, what three authors would you think of?
3. If a man were to lose his hat, what would he do?
4. If it were to rain on a rock, what would it become?

JAMES SCOTT.

### LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN

October 16, 1904.  
Dear Mr. Editor,—School has opened again, as you know, and we have to study so much that we do not have very many spare moments for anything, but I hope the members of our club will find time enough to keep our page in order and not let it die out, for if it does we will never get as many members and workers as we have got now again. Oh! but I'm not afraid of that, though, because we can find time enough to keep our page in order, and to keep it bright and cheerful. Every time I can I send something to our page, and you nearly always publish it. This time I send three drawings, and I hope to see one, if not more, of them printed on our page Sunday.

I certainly do enjoy reading our page. I certainly have enjoyed painting in my book you sent me. I haven't anything like finished painting all of the pictures yet. I thank you so much for the book. I hope to see one of my drawings on our page Sunday, and I would like very much to get a prize, if I can. I must close. From one of your T. D. C. Club members.

GRACE M. BISHOP,  
Blackstone, Va.

October 17, 1904.  
Dear Editor:—I will once more with the greatest anxiety write a few lines to the T. D. C. C. members. I love dearly to get the paper and read the sweet and expressive letters. I wish so much I could draw well enough to send you a picture to publish. School has opened at last. Vacation has gone now, and all boys and girls will have to study hard and become a great busy or man some day, or if not I hope so. I would like so much if you would send me word whether you will send me back my photo. If I send it to you to publish in the T. D. C. C. page, because I haven't but one, and want to keep that one. If you can send me back the photo, I will be very glad, and not damaged any. I will at once send you my picture. I would like very much if I could get acquainted with the sweet little members. I will close.  
Sincerely your member,  
LUCILE CROWDER,  
Truitt, Va.

Dinwiddie county.  
P. S.—Please answer at once.

October 13, 1904.  
Dear Editor,—Please enroll me as a member of the T. D. C. Club. You will find enclosed a story called "Conscience." I hope that it is good enough to publish. I won't hesitate to publish the other day and I got a great many of them. I will try and send you something for the T. D. C. C. every week. I would try the "Paint Book Contest," but I can't get any paints. I will close for fear of the waste basket.

Your friend,  
CASSIE TUCKER,  
Gordonsville, Va.

October 13, 1904.

Dear Sir,—I am so much obliged to you for the nice prize that you sent me. I did not expect to get one at all, and was much surprised when it came. I am very sorry, but I have no photograph at present, but some very small ones, which I don't think will do. When I have my picture taken I will send you one with pleasure. I think that the T. D. C. C. is doing finely and has a great many clever members.

Enclosed is a story I wrote, which I hope very much to see in print. I must close my letter now. Again thanking you for my prize, I am,  
Yours very sincerely,  
ELEANOR C. SCOTT,  
Box 127, New River, Va.

October 13, 1904.

Dear Editor of the T. D. C. C.:—I am so glad to become a member of your club and receive one of your beautiful badges. I have been going to school every day, but today looks so bad, and as we have a long way to walk we were afraid to go. I have a little guinea pig for my pet and pet cat. I love pets very much, but something always happens to them. I have had several pets in my life and have lost most of them. I spent the summer playing; did not do much visiting. I live with my aunt; my mother is dead. I have five little sisters. My father lives in Chicago. Well, I will close, hoping you will remember me when you

are sending badges and will put my name on the roll. Good-bye.

I remain your friend,  
MATTIE SEAY,  
Marvin, Amelia county, Va.

Editor of the T. D. C. C.:—

Dear Sir,—I received the badge and think it is so pretty. It would have given me pleasure to see me dancing when I got it. My letter will be a sad one this week, and a warning to all little boys. One of my little friends and a colored boy went hunting yesterday morning. He climbed a tree after a squirrel and fell down and broke his leg. The colored boy ran back to the house to tell his father that he had fallen out of a tree and could not speak. They all ran to him and found that his leg was broken. His father and uncle brought him to the house on a stretcher. We are very much distressed, for he is a very popular boy in the neighborhood. Boys should not be so venturesome. I will have to close.

I am, your little friend,  
ROSIE SEAY,  
Marvin, Va.

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